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<b>DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION (37 CFR 1.63)</b>		Attorney Docket Number	NTI-030
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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**SHAPE-BASED GEOMETRY ENGINE TO PERFORM SMOOTHING AND OTHER LAYOUT BEAUTIFICATION OPERATIONS***(Title of the Invention)*

the specification of which

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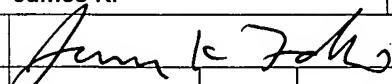
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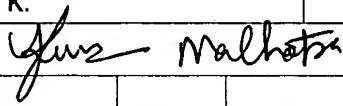
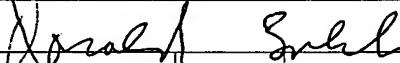
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